Service Date: March 26, 1979

READING FILE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of ADVANCED ELECTRONICS for an order authorizing an increase in Mobile Telephone rates.

DOCKET NO. 6653
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4495

On February 16, 1979, ADVANCED ELECTRONICS (Applicant) filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA (Section 70-101 et seq., RCM 1947) for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its mobile telephone rates in order to finance the expansion of its facilities in 1977 and the current costs of the system due to be installed in March, 1979.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A Notice of Proposed Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the March 1, 1979 edition of the Billings Gazette. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by March 20, 1979 a Default Order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
- 2. Applicant alleges that a letter was sent to all its customers informing them of the proposed increase.

- 3. No protests nor requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
- 4. The Applicant alleges that the rate increases are needed to finance the expansion of the mobile telephone system in 1977 and the costs of the system due to be installed in March, 1979.
- 5. Applicant anticipates that the proposed rates will generate approximately \$4,800 total annual revenue.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
 - 2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The following monthly rates are authorized.

R.C.C. OWNED EQUIPMENT (4 Channel Radio):

Unlimited Calls (Two (2) minutes or less) \$35.00 per month
Overtime Rate (0.20 per minute)
Rental & Maintenance \$45.00 per month
\$80.00 per month

R.C.C. OWNED EQUIPMENT (7 Channel Radio):

Unlimited Calls (Two (2) minutes or less) \$35.00 per month

Overtime Rate (@.20 per minute)

Rental & Maintenance \$50.00 per month

Total \$85.00 per month

CUSTOMER OWNED EQUIPMENT:

Unlimited Calls (Two (2) minutes or less) \$35.00 per month
Overtime Rate (0.20 per minute)
Maintenance
Total \$35.00 per month
\$11.50 per month
\$46.50 per month

- 3. The approved rates shall be effective for mobile telephone service rendered on and after March 26, 1979.
- 4. Applicant is required to file a certification of compliance to the Federal Anti-Inflation Guidelines and Tax Modifications.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana 59601 on March 26, 1979 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Chairman

Commissioner

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

George Turman, Commissioner

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Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrativ Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.